**SMART WASTE – Innovation in Waste Management Policies**

**High Level Political Dissemination Event**

Sofia (Bulgaria), 11th – 12th May 2023

[**Link to join online**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqfu2gqT4oEtWclhlPciD2c1RkOvvA_dg2#/registration)

**DAY 1 – 11TH May 2023**

**Venue:** Conference Center, Hotel Astoria, 8 Totleben blvd., 1606 Sofia

**09:00 – 09:30 Registration of participants**

**09:30 – 09:50** **Welcome and opening** – *Assya Dobrudjalieva, BAMEE, Svetla Bozhkova, Director Directorate Waste at Ministry of Environment and Water, (BG)*

**09:50 – 10:10** **Innovating waste management policies in Europe: the Interreg Europe Project SMART WASTE** – *Massimiliano Di Mattia, Lead Partner ARRR* (IT)

**10:10 – 10:30** **Interreg Europe: State of Play** *– Mariame Ammour,* *JS Interreg Europe*

**10:30 – 11:00** **Keynote speech**: **Advancing circular transition and green growth**, *Municipality of Sofia, Municipality of Burgas and Municipality of Gabrovo*

**11:00 – 11:30**  ***Coffee break and networking***

**11:30 – 13:00 INTERACTIVE PANEL: the SMART WASTE way, guided by** *Irene Pettinelli, Resolvo (External support to SMART WASTE Lead Partner)*

*The interactive panel involves the SMART WASTE partner territories – Tuscany (IT), Municipality of Kolding (DK), Klaipeda (LT), Bulgaria, Municipality of Apeldoorn (NL) – discussing their project path and how interregional cooperation has helped them to improve local / regional waste policies. Active participation from the audience is welcome.*

**13:00 – 14:30** ***Networking lunch***

**14:30 – 15:45 Interactive working groups: Advancing smart waste management across Europe, learnings from SMART WASTE**

* Technologies for waste collection and recycling, *Moderated by Carla Fransen, Municipality of Apeldoorn*
* The circular role of local authorities in boosting the FIVE Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Rot, Recycle, *Moderated by Ernest Kovács, ACR+*
* Funding, designing and monitoring innovative waste management measures, *Moderated by Massimiliano Di Mattia, LP ARRR*

*Parallel working groups moderated by SMART WASTE partners and involving all participants. Discussion in the working groups will run in parallel. In the last part there will be a plenary session, with the 3 moderators drawing conclusions and exchanging on the outcomes of discussion in their working group.*

**15:45 – 16:00 Wrap-up, conclusions and final remarks***, Massimiliano Di Mattia, Lead Partner ARRR* (IT)

**16:00 – 17:00 Final Project Steering Group Meeting** *– participation restricted to the SMART WASTE project partners only*

**17:00**  End of Day 1

***Evening: Joint dinner for SMART WASTE partners and stakeholders***

**DAY 2 – 12th May 2023**

**10:00 – 13:00****Study visit** – Sofia Mechanical&Biological Treatment Plant, village of Bogrov,

20 km from Sofia

**13:00** End of SMART WASTE Meeting and departure of participants